Groton Dec. 13. 1842.

Dear Madam

Your favor of the 10th inst., just received, finds me laid upon the shelf with a severe cold which has already continued a fortnight, & when it will end I do not pretend to determine. I think, however, with a genial atmosphere, that I should soon be out again. I sympathize with you on account the numerous, onerous, cares you have assumed. But the satisfaction remains to me of knowing that no one would sustain them better, or fulfil the duties they involve more acceptably. I intend to be in Boston as soon as circumstances permit — at the Fair if possible. — Though I "take the Emancipator," a contribution to sustain Leavitt at Washington this winter, is a step so far in advance of any thing ever dreamed of in my philosophy, that I should not know how to begin to reconcile it with my fidelity to the cause. But perhaps our contributing friends think the time has come for a decree of general amnesty, & if so, are but acting consistently. The enemy will live just so long as they can get funds, — they are now prodigiously pinched, & some of them are beginning to despair of *their* cause. How it

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will turn with them time will soon show. —
Old Eng. lost much ground by having no one at W
last winter. I know of no better man than Child,
& hope he will go. The only difficulty is in sustaining
him, & that is not insurmountable. I had a letter
of grievances from the Liberator Committee a few days
ago. I have been aware of its decreasing subscription
for some time. What agents can be spared
for the purpose must be put immediately
into the field, & the wherewithall raised
to meet pressing & present emergency. I suppose that
Collins, "having married a wife, cannot go."

In relation to myself. I will aid all that
I ought. But you are aware that I have
a troublesome antislavery law suit on
my hands. It has already laid me under
liabilities of $1000, & it is but just begun. Where
or when, it will end, God only knows. It
will certainly be a very heavy antislavery
contribution. Having made up my mind
"to be fleeced," my anxiety about it has very
much ceased. But still I do not feel
that ardour in the disbursing line that I under
other circumstances might feel. I had
much rather my coppers would go into
into the U.S. Treasury. than into the

pockets of those accursed pests of society, the lawyers, Courts, & rum taverners. — I have seen in Mondays Courier a notice that at a full meeting, "Rev. Mr. Ripley, chm." it was agreed to hold an A. S. Convention at Concord, on forefathers day, & every town in Middlesex Co. is requested to send delegates. This is all I know about it. The notice does not state where the meeting was held, & the getters up are unknown. Who are they? & what is the object? Is it third party? or a movement of Channing Bowditch & Co. to aid the Latimer petition?

I heard that Caroline was to be mistress of the refreshment tables at the fair, & that "any kind of eatables," would be acceptable. I would send three barrels of apples, if I knew where it would be agreeable to have them left. If not as intellectual a contribution as that of Lord Morpeth to the Liberty Bell, they may, possibly, bring as much money to the cause under the management of Miss Caroline.

Truly Yours A Farnsworth

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